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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KOKUBO ET AL.

Examiner

Kang Hu

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 July 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-7 and 32-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-7 and 32-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 July 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 7/26/2007 has been entered. Claims 1, 8-31, and 38-53 have been cancelled. Currently claims 2-7 and 32-37 are pending in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

2. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 2-7 and 32-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 2, 4, 32, and 34 could be nothing more than software, as such appears to be an abstract idea rather than a practical application of the idea. These claims do not result in physical transformation nor do they appear to provide a "useful, concrete, tangible result." Furthermore, claims 2, 4, 6, 32, 34, 36 have a variety of claim languages stating "motion data generating means for generating motion data for controlling motion, which is felt by a user..." is directed to non-statutory subject matter because as the language indicates motion data for controlling motion, appears to be directed to a judicial exception to 35 U.S.C. 101 (i.e., an abstract idea) and is not directed to a practical application of such judicial exception (e.g., because the claim does not require any physical transformation and the invention as claimed does

not produce a useful, concrete, and tangible result); All dependent claims are rejected for their dependency upon their respective independent claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. Claims 2, 3, 32, 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Claims 2, 3, 32, and 33 invokes 112 paragraph six by using "means for" language. It is stated in 112, sixth paragraph that "An element in a claim for a combination may be expressed as a means or step for performing a specified function without the recital of structure, material, or acts in support thereof, and such claim shall be construed to cover the corresponding structure, material, or acts described in the specification and equivalents thereof". The examiner failed to find the specific and precise recitation of structure, material, or acts in support thereof of the claim languages used in claims 2, 3, 32 and 33. Furthermore, claims 2, 4, 6, 32, 34 and 36 using variety of claim languages to recite "generating motion data for controlling motion, which is felt by a user" does not have ample support in the specification. Merriam-Webster dictionary defines motion as an act, process, or instance of changing place, or an act or instance of moving the body or its parts. Using the broadest reasonable interpretation, one can interpret such as generating motion data for

controlling the movement of body or its parts. The examiner fails to find any support for such claim language in the specification of the application. All dependent claims are rejected for their dependency upon their respective independent claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 2, 4, 6, 32, 34 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Milanian (US 6,301,845) in view of Slater et al. (6,853,877 B1). The teaching of Milanian has been discussed in the previous office action dated April 27, 2007. Milanian does not explicitly teach the use of using motion vectors detected in the image data to generate motion data. Slater teaches the use of motion vectors to generate motion data to control the movement for mobile robot (abstract, col 2). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Slater with Milanian to use function of plurality of motion vectors detected in image data to generate motion data to control motion for more accurate and precise range of motion.

7. Claims 3, 5, 7, 33, 35 and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Milanian in view of Slater as applied to claims 2, 4, 6, 32, 34 and 36 above, and further in view of McMullan, Jr. et al. (US 5,654,746) as rejected in the previous office action dated April 27, 2007 and will not be repeated herein.

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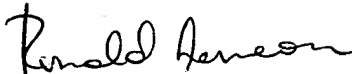
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kang Hu whose telephone number is (571)270-1344. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5 (Mon-Thu).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pezzuto can be reached on 571-272-6996. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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